

2. An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the cyclodextrin is present in an amount of at least 5 wt % based on the total composition.

3. An adhesive composition according to claim 2 wherein the cyclodextrin is present in an amount of at least 10 wt % based on the total composition.

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4. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the continuous phase comprises up to 50 wt. % of polyisobutylene as a major component.

5. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to claim 1 wherein the continuous phase contains up to 15 wt.% of a rubbery copolymer of styrene or a substituted styrene as a major component.

6. (Amended) A pressure sensitive adhesive composition comprising an aqueous hydrogel, wherein the adhesive also contains a cyclodextrin in an amount of 0.1 to 65 wt %, based on the total composition.

7. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to claim 1 further comprising an active ingredient.

8. An adhesive composition according to claim 7 wherein the active ingredient is complexed with the cyclodextrin.

9. (Amended) An adhesive composition according to claim 7 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, menthol, salicylic acid, antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, essential oils and fragrances.

10. (Amended) A medical or surgical appliance comprising a substrate on which is formed a layer of pressure-sensitive adhesive composition according to claim 1.

11. An appliance according to claim 10 in the form of a wound dressing.

12. An appliance according to claim 10 which comprises a skin barrier.

13. An appliance according to claim 12 in the form of an ostomy appliance.

AA 14. An appliance according to claim 12 in the form of a transdermal delivery patch for an active ingredient.

15. (Amended) An appliance according to claim 10 wherein the substrate includes a backing comprising non-adhesive waterproof film.

16. (New) An adhesive composition according to claim 8 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, menthol, salicylic acid, antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, essential oils and fragrances.

B 17. (New) An adhesive composition according to claim 6 further comprising an active ingredient.

AB 18. (New) An adhesive composition according to claim 17 wherein the active ingredient is complexed with the cyclodextrin.

19. (New) An adhesive composition according to claim 17 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, menthol, salicylic acid, antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, essential oils and fragrances.

20. (New) An adhesive composition according to claim 18 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of hydroquinone, menthol, salicylic acid, antibacterial agents, antifungal agents, essential oils and fragrances

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20, as amended, are pending. Applicant has amended claims 4 to 7, 9 to 10 and 15 and added new claims 16 to 20. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment, which is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made." The amendments find full support in the original